

REMARKS

In response to the August 28, 2006 Office Action, the present Amendment is being filed together with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejection set forth in the Office Action are respectfully solicited in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claims 24-41 are now pending in this application, with Claims 24, 27, 30-32, 36, 40 and 41 being the independent claims. By this Amendment, Claims 24, 26, 27, 30, 31, 32, 33, 35, 36, 40 and 41 have been amended herein. Claims 1-23 previously have been cancelled. No new matter has been added.

Claims 24-41 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,140,435 (Suzuki, et al.).

In response, while not conceding the propriety of the rejection, independent Claims 24, 27, 30-32, 36, 40 and 41 have been amended. Applicant submits that as amended, these claims are allowable for the following reasons.

Amended independent Claim 24 relates to a video print system comprising reading means for reading, from a storage medium which stores plural image information and time information included in each image information, the image information and the time information, setting means for setting a period for designating a print target image, and print means for printing the image information including the time information between a first moment and a last moment of the period set by the setting means.

Amended independent Claim 32 relates to a print instruction apparatus comprising setting means for setting a period for designating a print target image, and print instruction means for instructing to print, from among image information stored in a storage medium,

image information including time information between a first moment and a last moment of the period set by the setting means.

In contrast, the patent to Suzuki et al. is not understood to disclose or suggest setting means for setting a period for designating a print target image, and print means for printing image information including the time information between a first moment and a last moment of the period set by the setting means, as recited by amended Claim 24. In addition, this patent is not understood to disclose or suggest setting means for setting a period for designating a print target image, and print instruction means for instructing to print, from among image information stored in a storage medium, image information including time information between a first moment and a last moment of the period set by the setting means, as recited by amended Claim 32.

For these reasons, Applicant submits that amended independent Claims 24 and 32 are not anticipated by the Suzuki et al. patent. Therefore, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of these claims over the Suzuki et al. patent be withdrawn. And since independent Claims 27, 30, and 31 are corresponding method, recording medium, and program claims that correspond to Claim 24, they are allowable for corresponding reasons. Further, since independent Claims 36, 40, and 41 are corresponding method, recording medium, and program claims that correspond to Claim 32, they are allowable for corresponding reasons. Therefore, Applicant also respectfully requests that the rejection of Claims 27, 30, 31, 36, 40, and 41 over the Suzuki et al. patent be withdrawn.

The remaining claims in this application are dependent claims which depend from the above-described independent claims. The dependent claims are believed allowable by

virtue of this dependency, and for reciting other patentable features of the invention.

Favorable and independent reconsideration of the dependent claims are requested.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in allowable form. Therefore, early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

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